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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE WASHINGTON POST

VALUED BY 10 PERCENT AND THAT JAPAN WILL FLOAT THE YEN ARE FEATURED ON THE FRONT PAGE. IT IS NOTED THAT SCHULTZ ANNOUNCED TWO COORDINATED PROPOSALS: FIRST, COMPREHENSIVE TRADE LEGISLATION WILL BE SENT SHORTLY TO CONGRESS THAT WILL PROVIDE FOR LOWERING AND RAISING TARIFFS AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS TO TRADE WHENEVER NECESSARY; AND SECOND, THE CONTROLS THAT FOR SEVERAL YEARS HAVE EXISTED ON FLOW OF CAPITAL OUT OF THE COUNTRY WILL BE TERMINATED BY DECEMBER 31, 1974. (A-1)

THE EMOTIONAL RETURN TO FREEDOM OF 143 POWS IS ALSO FEATURED ON THE FRONT PAGE. THE PRESIDENT CALLED ONE OF THE RETURNEES AND TOLD HIM THAT THE SACRIFICES OF AMERICAN POWS AND THEIR FAMILIES MADE POSSIBLE "AN HONORABLE PEACE" IN VIETNAM. THE PRESIDENT DESCRIBED THE TELEPHONE CALL AS "ONE OF THE MOST MOVING MOMENTS" HE HAS HAD IN THE WHITE HOUSE. SEVERAL OTHERS DESCRIBE THE EMOTIONAL FIRST PHONE CALLS TO THE RETURNEES' FAMILIES. (A-1)

A SMALL GROUP OF AMERICAN SAILORS WERE GIVEN LIBERTY IN HAIPHONG, WHERE THEY WERE TAKEN ON A FIVE-BLOCK SIGHTSEEING TOUR, TO A RESTAURANT FOR LUNCH, AND SOUVENIR SHOPPING. (A-4)

THERE IS A BRIEF ARTICLE ON ZIEGLER'S ANNOUNCEMENT ON YOUR THIRD DAY OF MEETINGS IN HANOI. ZIEGLER DESCRIBED THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE MEE

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ON THE EDITORIAL PAGE, TOM BRADEN BELIEVES THAT SOME BALANCE-OF-POWER FORMULA MUST BE DEvised TO KEEP INDIA SAFE AND TO PREVENT IT FROM AN ATTEMPT TO ENSURE ITS OWN SAFETY BY BUILDING NUCLEAR WEAPONS. BRADEN ASKS IF YOUR NEW BALANCE OF POWER FOR THE EAST ENVISIONS THE U.S. AS PROVIDING A COUNTERWEIGHT ON THE CHINESE SIDE. (A-13)

MAXINE CHESHIRE WRITES THAT BARBARA WALTERS HAS BEEN ASSURED BY THE PRESIDENT PERSONALLY THAT SHE WILL HAVE THE FIRST TELEVISION INTERVIEW WITH YOU WHEN YOU RETURN FROM HANOI AND PEKING. THE CALL WAS APPARENTLY AN ATTEMPT ON THE PART OF THE PRESIDENT TO MOLLIFY MISS WALTERS AND NBC AFTER CBS HAD TELEVISED AN IN-DEPTH INTERVIEW WITH YOU, ACCORDING TO CHESHIRE.

THE NEW YORK TIMES

CAIRO CONTINUED HER CAMPAIGN TO FORESTALL ANY AMERICAN OR ISRAELI PRESSURE FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT THAT WOULD NOT PROVIDE FOR THE RETURN OF ARAB TERRITORIES. EGYPT'S FOREIGN MINISTER MOHAMMED EL-ZAYYAT URGED THE U.S., SOVIET UNION, CHINA, BRITAIN, AND FRANCE TO PRESS FOR CARRYING OUT OF UN RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL. EGYPTIAN LEADERS PLAN VISITS TO EUROPEAN AND ASIAN COUNTRIES TO PRESENT THEIR POSITION. (A-3)

MALCOLM BROWNE REPORTS THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE PATHET LAO CONTINUE TO HAGGLE OVER DETAILS OF AN IMMINENT LAOTIAN CEASE-FIRE. HE SAYS, HOWEVER, THAT A CEASE-FIRE APPEARS CERTAIN BY THE END OF THE MONTH.

THE REMAINING PROBLEMS IS A PATHET LAO DEMAND THAT THE U.S. AND THAILAND SIGN THE CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT. (A-15)

A CHRONOLOGY OF YESTERDAY'S EVENTS CONCERNING THE RELEASE OF POWS IS COVERED ON THE FRONT PAGE. EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS AND GRATITUDE HIGHLIGHT ALL PUBLIC REMARKS.

LY VAN SAU, SPOKESMAN FOR THE VIET CONG DELEGATION IN PARIS, SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE U.S. AND SOUTH VIETNAM ARE CONTINUING OFFENSIVE MILITARY OPERATIONS AND HINTED THAT IF THE ALLEGED CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS CONTINUE, THE FURTHER RELEASE OF AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR MAY BE DELAYED. (A-8)

RESPONDING TO A QUERY, PRINCE NORODOM SIHANOUK SAID THAT HIS MEETING WITH YOU, AS EARLIER SPECULATED, WAS OUT OF THE QUESTION. SIHANOUK WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT "UNDER THESE CONDITIONS, THE WAR IN CAMBODIA WILL CONTINUE." (A-9)

EGYPT'S SECURITY ADVISER, HAFEZ ISMAIL, FRESH FROM HIGH-LEVEL TALKS IN MOSCOW, WILL VISIT LONDON NEXT WEEK IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE PART OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO REACH A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT. (A-10)

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